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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:**Claim 1 (currently amended):**

A software site license system comprising:

a client site having a target hardware device, said hardware device having a unique identifier;

a virtual warehouse website created specifically for a single end user, said virtual warehouse having a storage comprising a personal inventory plurality of intangible software components, each of said components specifically selected for storage because each of said components is compatible for operating with said target hardware device, said personal inventory being associated in said warehouse with only said end user and said hardware device unique identifier;

a license generator generating a software site license comprising one or more of said components for said target hardware device, said software site license being stored in said virtual warehouse storage for later use; and

a programming workstation in communication with but separate from said target hardware device ~~but acting as a separate entity from said target hardware device~~, said programming workstation displays said components of said end user virtual warehouse for said end user to select and confirm contents of said software site license prior to said license generator generating said license, said programming workstation receiving said software site license from said virtual warehouse storage and storing said license on behalf of said target device until installation of said license on said target.

Claim 2 (original): The software site license system of claim 1, wherein said programming workstation receives an electronic file transfer comprising said license.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The software site license system of claim 1, wherein said programming workstation ~~stores~~ retains a copy of said software site license after installation.

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Claim 4 (original): The software site license system of claim 1, wherein said virtual warehouse comprises a multi-password protected website comprising entry of a password unique to said client site and an ID unique to said target hardware device.

Claim 5 (original): The software site license system of claim 4, further comprising a priority level of access to said virtual warehouse.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously amended): The software site license system of claim 1, wherein said license sales site receives a purchase order from said client site comprising said target hardware device and in response to said order, a license sales site establishes said virtual warehouse for said client site and places said licensable components for said target hardware device in said virtual warehouse.

Claim 8 (original): The software site license system of claim 1, wherein said software site license comprises a master license for multiple target devices.

Claim 9 (previously amended): The software site license system of claim 1 further comprising:

- a representative of said client site; and
- a purchase order prepared by said representative and received at a license sales site, said order comprising said target hardware device, said representative having said programming workstation and installing said license to said target device prior to delivering said target to said client site.

Claim 10 (withdrawn):

A method for generating a software site license, said method comprising:

- marking a hardware unit with at least one distinctive identifier and electronically associating one of said identifiers to an end-user purchasing said hardware unit;
- establishing a virtual warehouse uniquely for said end-user, said virtual warehouse configured to retain a personal intangible inventory for said end-user comprising a plurality of licensable components intended for said hardware unit;
- associating one of said identifiers to said licensable components in said virtual

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warehouse;

displaying said personal inventory;

receiving, from said end-user, a selection of said licensable components for said hardware unit;

assembling said licensable components intended for said hardware unit to form a software site license and retaining said license on said virtual warehouse until a request for transmission of said license is received; and

upon said request, transmitting said license from said virtual warehouse.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10 further comprising reviewing said selection from said end-user and verifying said selection provides a minimum required software site license for said hardware unit.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The method of claim 11 further comprising suggesting additional licensable components for said license prior to assembling said license.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10 further comprising verifying a password entered by said end-user as belonging to said end-user and authorized by said end-user to build said license.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10 further comprising password-protecting said virtual warehouse so that viewing of said inventory is permitted upon correct entry of an end-user password and at least one of said unique identifiers.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10 further comprising displaying said selection of said licensable components intended for said hardware unit for a confirmation from said end-user prior to assembling said license.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The method of claim 15 further comprising displaying additional licensable components available for said hardware unit wherein said additional components were not in said selection.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, wherein said transmitting comprises electronically transmitting a data file comprising said license.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, wherein said generating a software site license comprises one of a new license, an upgrade to an existing license, or a transfer of an existing license to a new hardware unit.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, wherein said personal intangible inventory comprises pre-paid for items available for immediate use by said end-user.

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Claim 20 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, further comprising setting an expiration date on said license.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): A system for software site licensing comprising:

a license site receiving a purchase order on behalf of a client, said license site establishing a physical hardware component of said order and a corresponding intangible license component of said order;

a physical warehouse receiving said physical component of said order and shipping a hardware component to said client; and

a secure virtual warehouse website created for and viewable by said client, said virtual warehouse receiving said intangible license component of said order as a paid-for item and remaining in said virtual warehouse until a software site license comprising said component is generated by said license site for installation to said hardware component.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The system of claim 21 further comprising a dealership receiving said order from said client and sending the order to said license site.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The system of claim 21 further comprising a programming workstation coupled to said virtual warehouse and receiving said transmitted software site license into a storage for future upload to said hardware component.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The system of claim 21, wherein said license site establishes said intangible license component of said order by determining the minimum standard licensable features needed for said hardware component to properly operate.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The system of claim 24, wherein said license site links said minimum standard licensable features to said hardware component and places said standard features in said virtual warehouse created for said client.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A process for a vendor site licensing of a hardware component comprising:

receiving, at the time of manufacture of said hardware component and from a manufacturer, an electronic shipment comprising an unique set of identifiers associated with said hardware component;

receiving from a warehouse, a data shipment comprising a physical whereabouts of said hardware component, said data shipment being verified prior to transmission to said vendor by matching said unique set of identifiers with an external code of said

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hardware component;

determining an intangible portion of said order;

requesting from said warehouse a physical shipment of said hardware component to an order originator and prior to said physical shipment receiving from said warehouse said external code of said hardware component;

creating a virtual warehouse for said order originator and placing said intangible portion of said order therein;

associating said intangible portion to said external code, said unique set of identifiers, and said order originator;

generating a site license comprising said intangible portion; and

providing said site license to said order originator for installation to said hardware component.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The process of claim 26 further comprising billing said order originator for said intangible portion of said order after providing said site license for installation.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The process of claim 26 further comprising reporting said intangible portion of said order as a consummated sale after providing said site license for installation.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): The process of claim 26, wherein said hardware component comprises a central processing unit (CPU).

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The process of claim 26 further comprising verifying a password entered by said order originator as belonging to said originator and authorized by said originator to receive said site license.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): An online method for software site licensing comprising:

entering a password/ID to a secure license management website;

browsing a personal inventory of licensable components, said inventory comprising a plurality of previously requisitioned items for a particular user;

entering an identifier of a licensable device that a software site license is desired for;

selecting one or more of said items from said inventory of licensable components to be assembled into said software site license; and

requesting transmission of said software site license.

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Claim 32 (withdrawn): The method of claim 31 further comprising receiving said software site license and saving said license at a programming workstation.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The method of claim 31 further comprising uploading said software site license to said licensable device.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The method of claim 31 further comprising browsing a subset of said personal inventory in response to entering said identifier, said subset being available components for said licensable device.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The method of claim 31 further comprising confirming said selection prior to said components being assembled into said license.